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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary,  
Dept. Of Telecommunications and Energy  
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**Re: D.T.E. Docket 99-60, Investigation by the Department of  
Telecommunications and Energy on its own Motion into the Pricing and  
Procurement of Default Service Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, ' 1B(d).**

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

In connection with today's filing by Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company of the results of our solicitation for default service, I am enclosing a copy of the ranking of default service bids received, on a confidential basis.

The Companies hereby request that the Department, pursuant to G.L. C. 25 § 5D, keep this information confidential and not publicly disclose it or require the Companies to publicly disclose it. The Companies believe that the data contained in the rankings constitutes sensitive proprietary information. Protecting this information from public disclosure is in the public interest because disclosure otherwise would make public all of the competitive bids received in the RFP process. Although participants understood that the resulting default service rates would be tied to the Companies' supply contract prices, the disclosure of all of the competing bids could have adverse competitive effects on future bids for default service, not only for the Companies, but also for other utilities in the state that will need to seek bids for default service.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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and Nantucket Electric Company

cc: DTE 99-60 Service List (cover letter only)